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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE
LEGISLATION ON EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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1. DURING CALL ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ JUNE 19 (OTHER SUBJECTS
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REPORTED SEPTTEL), TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL REFERRED TO
POSSIBLE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGIS-
LATION FOR TURKEY. ESENBEL SAID THE GOT FAVORED A SIMPLE
LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS OR CONDI-
TIONS. IN PARTICULAR, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AMENDMENT WOULD
PROPOSE THAT UNSYG SUBMIT REGULAR REPORTS ON CYPRUS TO
PRESIDENT FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS. HE COMMENTED THAT

ADOPTION OF MCGOVERN TYPE AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD SEEM TO LINK EMBARGO REPEAL TO CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, WOULD HAVE "DISTRESSING EFFECT" IN TURKEY.

2. NIMETZ RESPONDED THAT DEPT WAS AWARE SENATOR MCGOVERN WAS CONSIDERING OFFERING AN AMENDMENT ALONG LINES DESCRIBED WHEN LEGISLATION CONSIDERED ON FLOOR OF SENATE. DEPTOFF ADDED THAT MCGOVERN AMENDMENT HAD GONE THROUGH SEVERAL DRAFTS AND PROBABLY WOULD BE CHANGED FURTHER. NIMETZ TOLD ESENBEL THAT ADMINISTRATION WOULD PREFER CLEAR, UNCONDITIONAL LIFTING OF EMBARGO BUT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO

WAIT AND SEE WHAT IF ANY AMENDMENTS WERE INTRODUCED BEFORE EXECUTIVE BRANCH COULD DECIDE WHAT ITS POSITION WOULD BE.

3. FYI. RECENT STORIES IN TURKISH PRESS AND ESENBEL'S PRESENTATION TO MATT NIMETZ ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL MOVES AIMED AT RETAINING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO ARE MISLEADING FROM SEVERAL STANDPOINTS. SENATOR MCGOVERN IS INTERESTED IN INTRODUCING LANGUAGE ON THE SENATE FLOOR WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF COMMITTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK ACTIVELY IN THE FUTURE TOWARD OBTAINING A NEGOTIATED CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND TO SEE TO IT THAT FUTURE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE AREA -- FOR EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY -- ARE MADE ONLY FOR NATO AND SELF-DEFENSE PURPOSES. MCGOVERN MENTIONED POSSIBLE AMENDMENT ALONG CONFIDENTIAL

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THESE LINES TO THE PRESIDENT IN THE WHITE HOUSE ON JUNE 1.

4. MC GOVERN IS FULLY COMMITTED TO A COMPLETE LIFTING OF THE TURKISH EMBARGO. HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT LANGUAGE WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF COMMITTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO WORK ACTIVELY TOWARD A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT WILL BE APPEALING TO SENATE MEMBERS AND HENCE WIN MORE VOTES FOR AN EMBARGO REPEAL. A MCGOVERN AMENDMENT, IF ONE IS ACTUALLY PROPOSED, WILL BE DESIGNED WITH THIS PURPOSE IN MIND AND WILL NOT DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT ALREADY PASSED BY THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. PRIMARY EFFECT OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT WOULD FALL ON US ADMINISTRATION AND NOT REPEAT NOT TURKEY. END FYI

5. ESENBEL ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT REMARKS BY CYPRIOT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, DURING PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS, SUGGESTING A MULTILATERAL CONFERENCE OF THE NON-PERMANENT REPEAT NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UNSC (WITH FRANCE PRESIDING) TO CONSIDER THE CYPRUS ISSUE. THE GOT REGARDED SUCH A SUGGESTION AS AN EFFORT BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO DOWNPLAY THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ESENBEL SAID THE TURKS FEEL THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE THE "ONLY WAY" TO

REACH A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. NIMETZ OBSERVED THAT KYPRIANOU'S PROPOSAL DID INDEED APPEAR TO DETRACT FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, BUT HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WISHED TO DOWNPLAY THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ALTOGETHER. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS CLEAR THEY ARE CONSIDERING-VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES. VANCE

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